

Items in General.

There are said to be annually consumed

in this country forty-two million gallons of distilled spirits, one hundred and eighty-two million gallons of fermented liquors, and one million gallons of imported liquors; the estimated cost of which is \$600,000. Much liquor besides this is smuggled into the country, and an immense quantity is secretly distilled.

The present capacity of the Erie Canal for eastward movement of property is equal to that of eighteen railway trains daily. The proposed enlargement of the locks, as provided in the bill introduced in the State

In the Supreme Court at Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday, the jury awarded damages in the sum of \$1360 to Mrs. Mary I. Johnson, the plaintiff in a suit brought against Thomas J. Simon, a widower aged fifty-seven years, residing in Brooklyn, for breach of

George Alfred Townsend criticizes the need for a gun severely. He says: "A regiment of men at work with this would look as if they were cracking, walnuts, or opening oysters, or killing mosquitoes. You can certainly do it six times a minute after six years' practice."

It is estimated that there are a thousand gunboats in the United States, with about

Madame Ciston's receipts at five performances in Chicago amounted to \$29,700. On the evening of the 22d the receipts were \$4800, the largest sum received by her on a single evening since her *debut* at the stage.

In addition to the other numerous and varied products found in the State of Texas, a beautiful white wax has recently been discovered on the Island of Madre, at the mouth of the Brazos river, in that State.

The central monument in the Gostysbus National Cemetery is to be a white marble shaft, forty-seven feet high, with statues of the whole to cost nearly \$50,000.

John T. Bouve, a book-keeper in the banking house of Joseph W. Davis, State street, Boston, has been missing since a week ago Saturday, and it is supposed that he attempted to walk to his home in Cohasset and perished in the snow.

The New Bedford Standard, of Monday evening says: "Sales have been made in the market to-day of 1000 barrels sperm oil,

The registered velocity of the wind at Greenwich has never exceeded 800 miles in twenty-four hours, but higher speeds have been registered at Liverpool.

The Methodist Censurary collection now foots up over \$3,800,000, and it is not all yet. It will undoubtedly reach \$4,000,000. It is said that the only fifteen men Keokucky who are not running for Governor are the fifteen who are up for Lieutenant Governor!

An exchange says the late Gen. Cass' old was a second-hand sugar trough, and

It is said the total cost of A. C. Stewarts' mansion on fifth avenue, New York, including furniture, will be \$1,500,000.

A terrible storm on New Year's day killed thousands of sheep in Texas.

"If all the world were blind what a magnificent sight it would be!" said an Irish clergyman.

RESULTS OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.  
ENGLAND. At the last quarter sessions  
the chairman, Mr. Tilson, was  
happy to see a very light calendar, there  
being only thirty-six prisoners for trial, and  
thats for slight offenses. For the last  
years, he said, there has been a considerable  
diminution of crime, which was chiefly  
due to the establishment of successful reformatory  
institutions. Mr. Tilson added:

New "Eighty per cent. of the lads committed to the institutions came out well and unpurged, and a very few relapsed into their previous habits. An act had been passed during the last year, establishing industrial schools in the kingdom, and he had the pleasure of seeing them with recent alterations, that now worked very well. It had been said by police magistrates that they had no industrial school in this county. Such was a fact, but he had to inform the court that committees of magistrates had been formed

For that purpose, and in a very short time, the industrial schools would be in working order in the county of Surrey, and they would be able to receive one hundred or one hundred and fifty boys."

ly bent on the same object. In a few moments a squeaking noise was heard on opposite side of the engine. Seizing the can—a gigantic one by the way—the engineer sought out the dry spot, and to prevent further noise of that kind liberally applied the contents of the can to every joint. It went on well for a while, when the squeaking was heard in another direction. The oiling process was repeated and quiet was restored; but as the engineer came quietly towards the spot occupied

the gentleman and the stranger he heard  
other squeak. This time he detected  
true cause of the difficulty. The stran-  
ger was a ventriloquist. Walking straight  
behind him, he seized the astonished juke  
by the nape of the neck and emptied  
the contents of the can down his back. The  
said ho, "I don't believe that o' engine v  
squeak again."

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**PROPOSED EXCURSION TO EROB, A**  
AND AFRICA. Several prominent citi-

of Brooklyn have projected a plan of an excursion from New York to Palestine, Egypt, the Crimea, Greece, and intermediate points of interest. They propose to form a select company of one hundred and fifty persons, and to secure a first class steamer to be commanded by Captain Duncan. The excursionists are to be absent from June last until October, and the price of passage is fixed

Over eleven million dollars' worth of treasury bonds were destroyed at the Treasury Department a day or two since. These bonds were printed for issue, but upon an examination of the books it was found that nearly all the bonds authorized by law had been issued, and therefore these on hand were destroyed. No bonds are now being printed.

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